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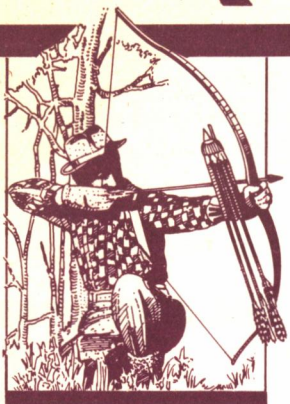

Outdoor Recreation Opportunities on Your National Forests

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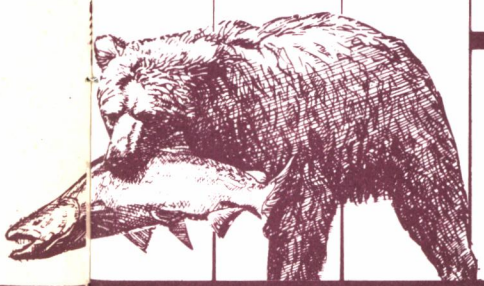
Primitive Recreation Opportunities



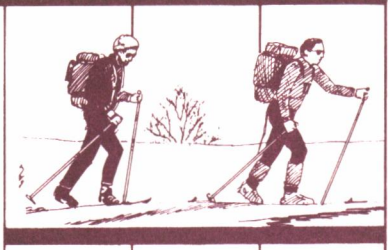
Lands providing opportunities for primitive recreation are in the most remote areas of our National Forests. Many of them, but not all, are part of the 32 million acres of Wilderness. On these lands you will see America as the explorers did, unaltered, unpopulated, and untamed.

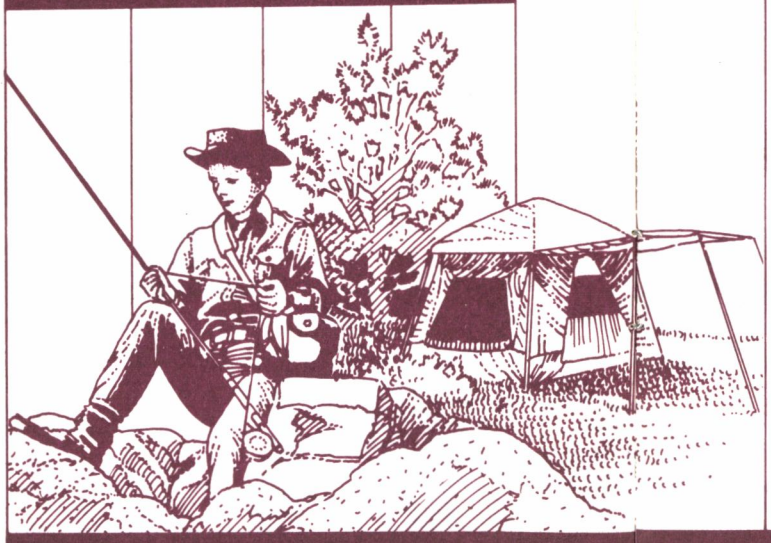
Use of these lands is regulated only to the extent necessary for their protection and your safety. You will need proper equipment and outdoor skills to safely enjoy these unique opportunities. Only trails, some trail signs, and occasional camp locations are evidence of use. These areas do not include roads, so you must travel by canoe, on foot, or on horseback.

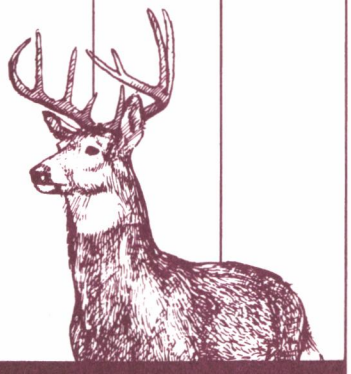
Semiprimitive Recreation Opportunities

Lands offering opportunities for semiprimitive recreation are generally smaller and less remote, but you will still find lots of room to roam. You will encounter more people than in primitive areas but have opportunities to feel solitude, risk, and challenge. The natural setting may have a few subtle alterations.

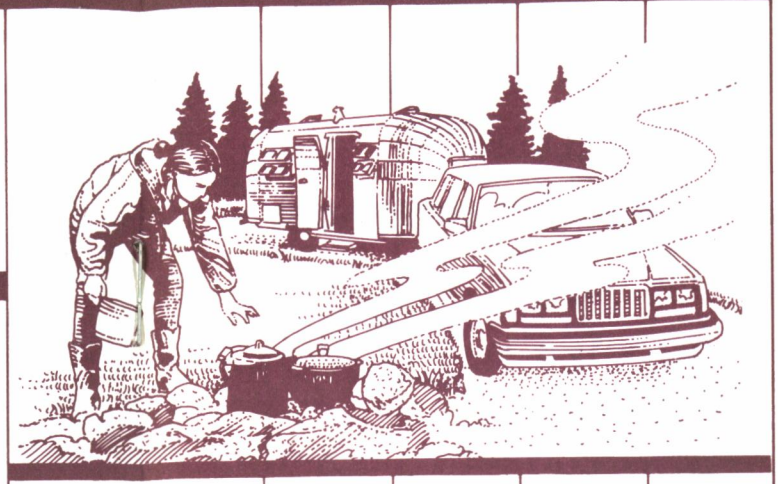
Outdoor skills are still important as there are not many conveniences. Many of these areas have a few primitive roads and many trails. In some areas you may use your trail bike or ORV. In others you must walk, boat, or ride horseback.





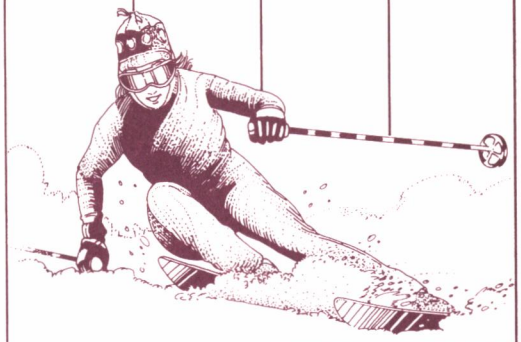


Roaded Natural Recreational Opportunities

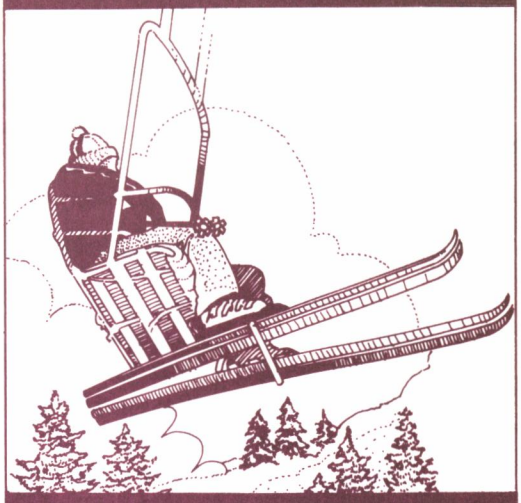


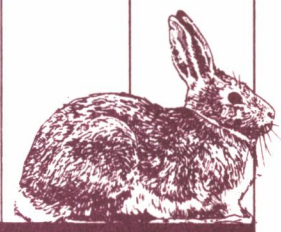
These roaded natural recreation opportunities are accessible by forest roads and highways and accommodate most of the recreation on the National Forests. The lands providing these opportunities appear natural but often are sites for timber harvesting or other activities. These are lands of many uses.

Basic facilities such as campgrounds, parking lots, and roads are provided. Conveniences such as electricity, hot water, stores, and service stations are generally not available. Users can expect moderate sights and sounds of human activities and structures; however, the overall perception is one of naturalness.



Rural Recreation Opportunities





For those who enjoy recreation in more facility-oriented surroundings, the still-nature-related settings for rural recreation provide for such facilities as ski resorts, beach swimming, visitor information centers, marinas, and the more developed campgrounds. While the characteristic landscape is often dominated by human-related geometric patterns, there is also a prevailing sense of open greenspace.

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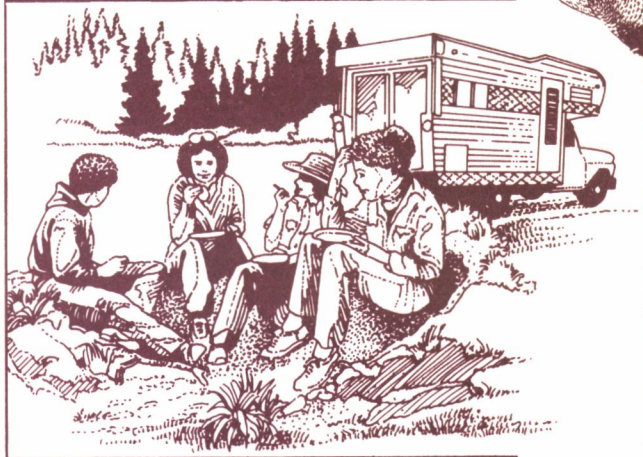
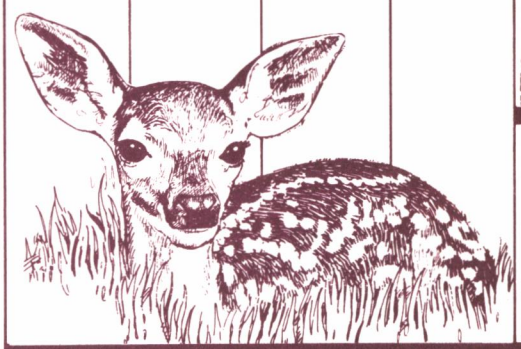
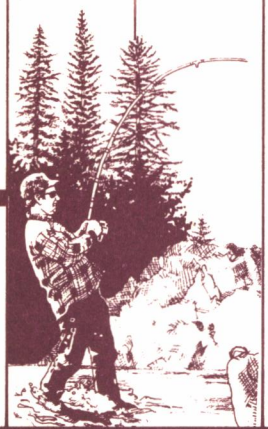


When you're ready to enjoy outdoor recreation in a diversity of settings, your National Forests are available with lots of clean air and beautiful scenery. Help the Rangers keep the setting fresh and natural. Leave the forest the way you want to find it when you come again. Please use common sense and take proper safety precautions. Also check local forest-fire-prevention and use-permit requirements.





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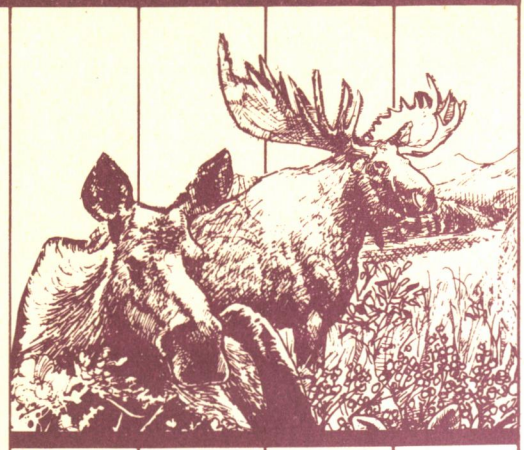

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